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COMIC BOOK

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A long time ago, in a galaxy far,
far away...

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BEYOND THE DUNE SEA

It is the dawn of darkness across the galaxy. For over a thousand generations, the Jedi Knights were the guardians of peace and justice in the Old Republic, before the rise of the Galactic Empire. Sith Lord Darth Vader and the newly appointed Emperor Palpatine, have wielded their merciless military power to hunt down and destroy the Jedi Knights.

Now the Jedi are all but extinct. Unbeknownst to the Empire, Obi-Wan Kenobi, one of the last surviving Jedi, has fled to the remote desert planet of Tatooine with Vader's infant son, Luke Skywalker, hoping to protect the child from both Vader and his ruthless Imperial forces...

"AND WHAT OF THE BOY?"

"TO TATOOINE.

"TO HIS FAMILY SEND HIM."

"I WILL TAKE THE CHILD, AND WATCH OVER HIM."

"TATOOINE IS A WISE DECISION AND THOUGH IT IS ON THE OUTER RIM, MASTER YODA, I CAN FORESEE A TIME WHEN THE EMPEROR'S FORCES ARRIVE.

"SHOULD THAT DAY EVER COME AND THE BOY IS DISCOVERED... ALL HOPE WILL BE LOST."

OFF YOU GO...

CLAAP!

WAH! DA KOOS AD DAEEN?

COME NOW MY LITTLE FRIEND. THIS CONTAINS YOUR PRICE AND *MORE*, I ASSURE YOU.

DOOKA!

THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER *NEGOTIATION.*

BOM'LOO!
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SHE'LL DO NICELY.

EASY THERE, LET'S TAKE IT SLOWLY.

OWEN WARNED ME, BEGGAR'S CANYON IS A TREACHEROUS LABYRINTH. WE MUST BE CAUTIOUS.

I SENSE MANY COVETOUS EYES UPON US.

--A JEDI MASTER AND A GENERAL IN THE GREAT CLONE WARS, IF YOU CAN BELIEVE THAT.

NOW NOTHING MORE THAN A HERMIT...

...LIVING IN EXILE.

OH MY, YES--THIS WON'T DO.

YOU'RE NOT WELCOME HERE.

I'VE WARNED YOU BEFORE...HOW *MANY* TIMES NOW?

YES, I SEE-- AND I ASSURE YOU, *THAT* IS NOTHING BUT TROUBLE. YOUR INSATIABLE CURIOSITY WILL EITHER BE THE END OF ME-- OR *YOU*.

BEST COME DOWN FROM THERE AND *QUICKLY*...

THE *STARS*?

YOU WANT TO GO TO THE STARS... THAT'S A DAMNED FOOL IDEA.

FROM MY POINT OF VIEW, THE GALAXY IS NO PLACE FOR THE INNOCENT. THEN AGAIN, THE JUNDLAND WASTES DO SEEM TO BE AS EQUALLY UNFORGIVING.

COME, LET ME TELL YOU A STORY OR TWO ABOUT WHAT LIES BEYOND THE DUNE SEA--

"BUT PROMISE ME FIRST, IT WILL BE THE LAST TIME YOU MEDDLE WITH MY SHIP."

I SEE YOU'VE RETURNED.

AND THIS TIME IN GREATER NUMBERS.

YOU'VE KILLED MY STEED...

THAT WAS RATHER POORLY REASONED.

LEAVE NOW AND I ASSURE YOU NOTHING MORE WILL COME OF THIS—

STAY, AND I SHALL BE FORCED TO DEFEND MYSELF.

HRAAUK!
HRAAUK!
HRAAUK!

PAAKOW!

DARE I SAY, A PERFECT WEAPON FOR AN UNCIVILIZED AFFAIR..

...YOU ARE BOTH STRONG AND WISE, MY FRIEND.

AND I OWE YOU MY LIFE.

I THINK PERHAPS, I KNOW HOW TO REPAY THAT DEBT.

THERE YOU GO, A LIGHT TOUCH WITH THE THRUSTER.

WITH PRACTICE, YOU'LL BECOME MORE COMFORTABLE WITH THE CONTROLS.

IN THE MEANTIME, YOU MUST LEARN TO TRUST YOUR FEELINGS.

AND NO MATTER WHERE YOUR TRAVELS TAKE YOU--

"THE FORCE WILL BE WITH YOU, ALWAYS."

A LONG TIME AGO IN A GALAXY FAR, FAR AWAY...

THERE WAS A BOY WHO YEARNED FOR ADVENTURE.

AND A CRAZY OLD WIZARD WHO HELPED HIM FULFILL HIS DESTINY BEYOND THE DUNE SEA.

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THE HUNTER'S BOUNTY

War wages across the galaxy as the Rebels attempt to capitalize on their victory in the Battle of Yavin. While the Galactic Empire focuses on driving the Rebels from their hidden locations, the evil lord Darth Vader remains obsessed with capturing Luke Skywalker.

Vader has enlisted bounty hunters to track down the Millennium Falcon, a ship known to carry Skywalker and his friends. Two of the galaxy's best hunters, Boba Fett--son of the alpha clone, Jango Fett--and Bossk--a dangerous Trandoshan--set off on Vader's task. The former allies who once worked together during the Clone Wars now square off, and only one bounty hunter can emerge victorious....

THERE WILL BE A SUBSTANTIAL REWARD FOR THE ONE WHO FINDS THE MILLENNIUM FALCON.

YOU ARE FREE TO USE ANY METHODS NECESSARY, BUT I WANT THEM ALIVE.

NO DISINTEGRATIONS.

AS YOU WISH.

YOU'VE MADE ENOUGH TROUBLE FOR YOURSELF WITH THE EMPIRE ALREADY, BOBA. I SUGGEST YOU SIT THIS ONE OUT.

IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU.

SOUNDS TO ME LIKE YOU WANT THE REWARD--AND THE WOOKIE--ALL TO YOURSELF.

YOU'RE STILL THE SAME STUBBORN CHILD WHO CAN'T GROW UP.

AND YOU'RE STILL THE SAME HUNTER WHO CAN'T GET THE JOB DONE ***BY HIMSELF.***

YOU JUST ***WATCH*** ME.

KEEP THIS UP, BOBA, AND YOU'LL BE THE NEXT BOUNTY I COLLE--

CLANG CLANG CLANG

Eh?

FWOOSH

BOBA...

YOU WON'T BE RID OF ME FOR LONG-- I PROMISE YOU THAT.

"GOING OUT WITH THE GARBAGE..."

NICE TRICK, SOLO, BUT YOU'RE NOT FOOLING ME. YOU'LL BE HEADING TO THE NEAREST SYSTEM...

BESPIN.

HOME OF YOUR FRIEND, LANDO CALRISSIAN.

YOU'RE MAKING THIS TOO EASY, SOLO.

NO, BOBA...

...YOU'RE MAKING THIS TOO EASY.

I'M TEMPTED TO KEEP YOU FOR MYSELF, SOLO. YOU MAKE FOR AN EXCELLENT TROPHY IN YOUR CURRENT CONDITION. BUT THE BOUNTY ON YOUR HEAD IS TOO GOOD TO PASS UP.

YESSSS...

IT CERTAINLY IS.

YOU PICKED THE *WRONG* TIME TO BE CLEVER, BOSSK.

AAARRRRGGHHH!

OOOF!

I WONDER WHAT KIND OF REWARD I'LL GET ON KASHYYYK FOR YOU, BOS--

RRRGGGHHH!

IT'S A GOOD THING I NEVER TOLD YOU YOUR DIOXIS DOESN'T AFFECT ME.

I TOLD YOU TO STAY OUT OF THIS, BOBA.

WHUMP

One year later.

A DEAL'S A DEAL, BOSSK. I HELPED YOU TRACK DOWN YOUR WOOKIE ENEMIES AND COLLECT ENOUGH BOUNTIES TO KEEP YOU WEALTHY FOR A LONG TIME. YOU'RE HANDING OVER SOLO--AND NOW YOU'RE GOING TO SET ME ***FREE.***

SOON ENOUGH, BOBA. BUT FOR NOW...

...JABBA IS EXPECTING BOBA FETT TO DELIVER HIS PRIZE. YOU KNOW HOW... SUPERSTITIOUS THE OLD HUTT CAN BE.

DON'T YOU ***DARE,*** BOSSK! ***NOBODY*** WEARS THAT ARMOR EXCEPT FOR ME AND MY FATHER. ***NOBODY!***

FITS A LITTLE TIGHT, BUT IT'LL DO THE TRICK.

I'M GOING TO ***KILL YOU,*** BOSSK.

"... SHOULD ANY OF YOU WISH TO BEG FOR MERCY, THE GREAT JABBA THE HUTT WILL NOW LISTEN TO YOUR PLEAS."

COME ON, COME ON...

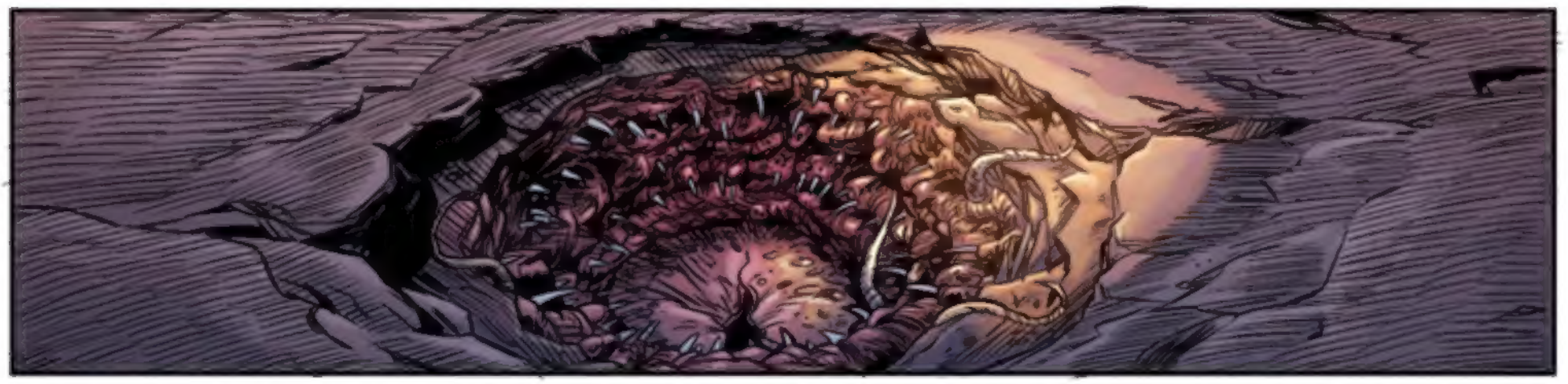
SNAP

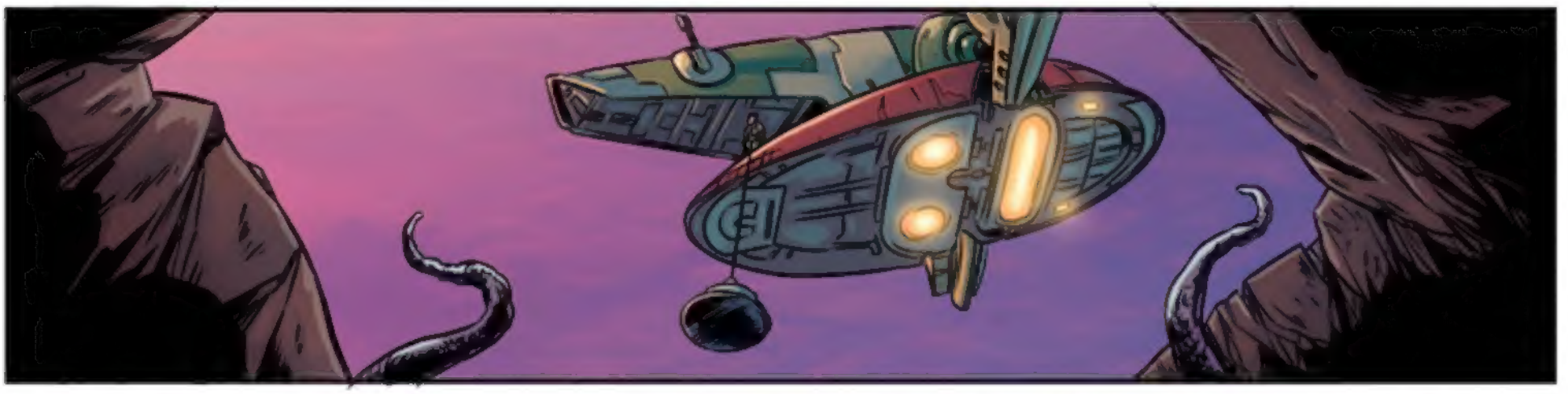
BOBA FETT? BOBA FETT? WHERE?

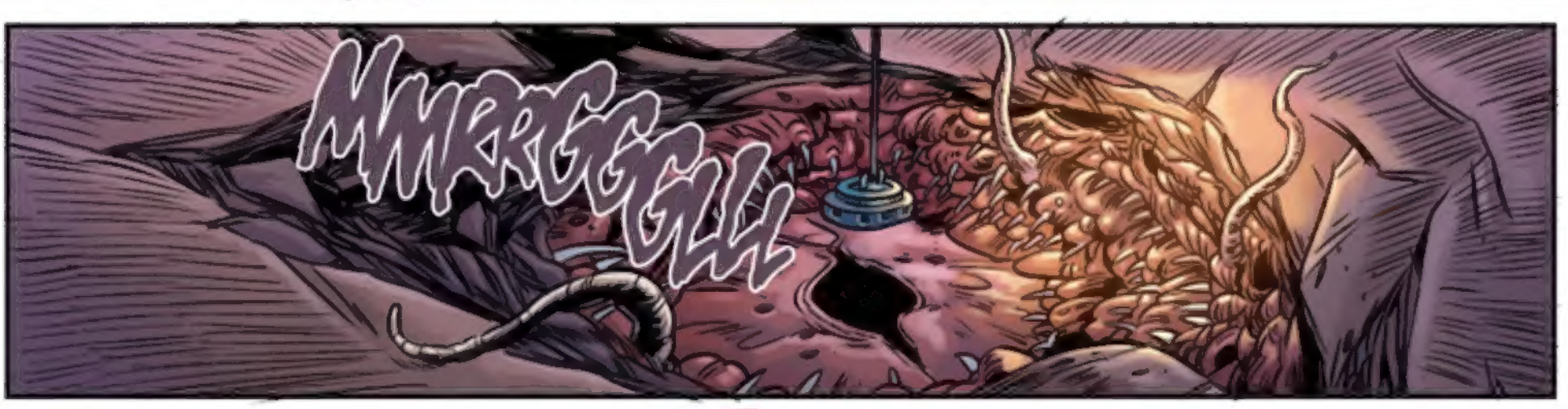
WHERE ARE YOU, BOSSK?

AAAHHH!

I'M GOING TO NEED THAT ARMOR BACK.



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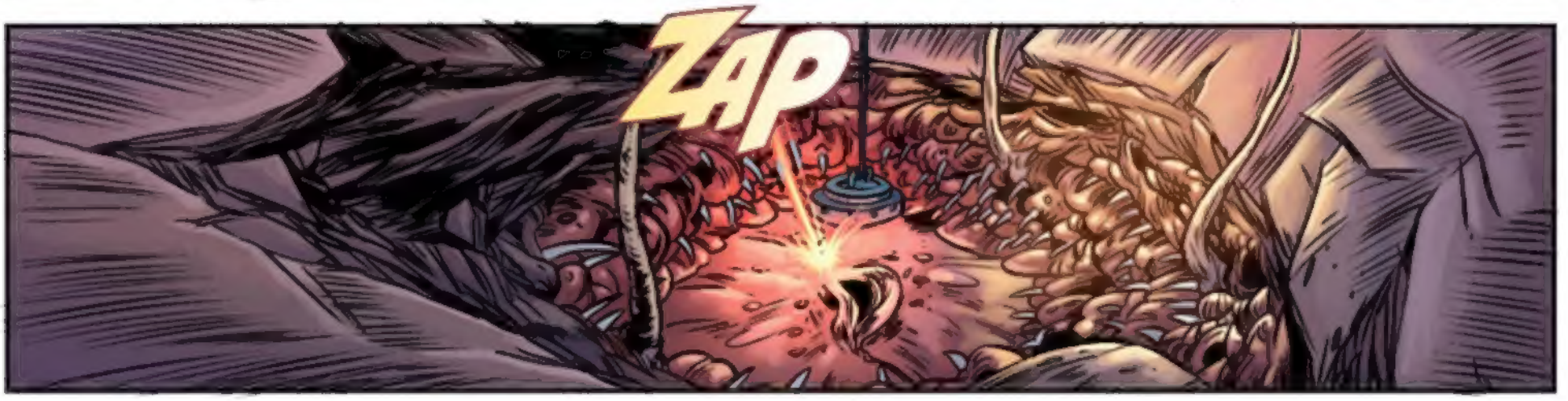
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DON'T YOU DARE.

I TOLD YOU NOT TO TAKE THE ARMOR, BOSSK.

Boba...

...help... me...

I DON'T THINK SO, BOSSK.

THIS GALAXY'S ONLY BIG ENOUGH FOR **ONE** BOBA FETT.

THE END

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DEDICATIONS

MICHAEL MORECI

This story is for the kid in me who still dreams of flying an X-Wing and my two padawans. Our imaginary lives are richer for having Star Wars in it. May the Force be with us all, always.

TIM DANIEL

If Star Wars is about hope, then it is also about dreams. This tale is for the dreamers who dare to lift their eyes past the horizon and takie their first step into a larger world.

MORGAN LUTHI

Seeing Return of the Jedi or "turn of the Jedi" as I called it at age 3, is one of of my earliest movie-going memories. Star Wars was my gateway to sci-fi, fantastic creatures, and larger than life heroes and villains. Star Wars continues to be an inspiration to me, and I'm thrilled to be a part of this project.

KENDALL GOODE

MATT BATTAGLIA

Star Wars falls into the category as one of the first movies my Dad did the dad thing where you sit your boy down to watch a movie, because damnit it's important. Looking through elementary school sketchbooks - they're covered with Star Wars characters, it's a series of movies that fostered my creativity at a young age.

JORDAN BOYD

There's just know way to soften phrases like "Star Wars has shaped my life in countless ways," so I won't even try. There's no reason to think you'll ever see this, George, but thanks anyway.

JIM CAMPBELL

Live long and prosper.

ADAM WOLLET

With only a few pieces of dialogue buried within, Star Wars (1977) established a galaxy that stretches indefinitely beyond the original trilogy, and that is where I see the power of Star Wars. Star Wars is genre-defying world-building constructed around a core of imagination and adventure. It's endlessly inspiring.

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